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**AQUACULTURE LEASE APPLICATION – PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

Maine Oyster, Inc. has applied for a limited-purpose (experimental) aquaculture lease to grow American/Eastern oysters on a 3.93 acre site located south of Lehman Island, upper Sheepscot River, Newcastle using bottom culture techniques. Other compatible uses of the area would be permitted. The application is posted on the DMR website at [www.maine.gov/dmr/aquaculture](http://www.maine.gov/dmr/aquaculture), under "Pending Aquaculture Lease Applications."

The Commissioner announces a public comment period for this application. A public hearing is required only if requested in writing by five (5) or more interested persons prior to the comment deadline.

**The DEADLINE for COMMENTS and HEARING REQUESTS is:**

**May 31, 2016**

Mail written comments or hearing requests to:

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